

Claims listing:

1. (currently amended) A body fluid sampling device comprising:
a cartridge containing a plurality of penetrating members;
a drive force generator coupled to a processor and configured to be coupled to a penetrating member;
a penetrating member coupled to the drive force generator, the processor configured to provide information relative to a depth of penetration of a penetrating member through a skin surface; and
a plurality of analyte detecting members each associated with a penetrating member, the plurality of analyte detecting members being attached to a bottom surface of ~~on~~ said cartridge, wherein a first portion of the analyte detecting members measure a first analyte and a second portion of the analyte detecting members measure a second analyte; ~~and~~
~~a penetrating member driver for moving an active one of said penetrating members from a first position outward to penetrate tissue.~~
2. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the penetrating member driver is coupled to a position sensor, said position sensor used to detect a position of the active one of said penetrating member while penetrating tissue.
3. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said first portion of analyte detecting members are all located on one area of the cartridge while said second portion of analyte detecting members are all located on a second area of the cartridge.
4. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said first portion of analyte detecting members measure analytes related to blood gases.
5. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said second portion of analyte detecting members measure analytes related to electrolytes.

6. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said second portion of analyte detecting members measure analytes related to at least one of the following: blood gases, electrolytes, coagulation, or metabolites.

7. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising a handheld, two way communication, data management system.

8. (original) The device of claim 1 further comprising an integrated sampling/POC testing device for one step sample to read.

9. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein body fluid requirement for each analyte detecting member is less than 1 microliter.

10. (currently amended) ~~The device of claim 1 further comprising~~ A body fluid sampling device comprising:

a cartridge containing a plurality of penetrating members;

a plurality of analyte detecting members each associated with one of the plurality of penetrating members on said cartridge, wherein a first portion of the analyte detecting members measure a first analyte and a second portion of the analyte detecting members measure a second analyte;

a penetrating member driver for moving an active one of said penetrating members from a first position outward to penetrate tissue; and

many tests on a single penetrating member/analyte detecting member combination.

11. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein each segment ~~of the cartridge~~ has the same test or the cartridge can be divided into regions with a plurality of specific tests.

12. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 ~~further comprising wherein~~ all tests are run, subset reported, cost of test only for tests required while only those tests, which are desired at the time the sample is taken need to be reported.

13. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said analyte detecting members use either electrochemical, optical, or combinations of the measurement techniques.

14. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising a companion cartridge wherein additional analyte detecting members are coupled for more complex less common tests, ~~only used if required.~~

15. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 ~~further comprising wherein~~ analyte detecting members formed on the underside of the cartridge, said members is used for tests requiring larger surface area such as for washing steps in hematology or cell counting.

16. (currently amended) ~~The device of claim 1 further comprising~~ A body fluid sampling device comprising:

a cartridge containing a plurality of penetrating members;

a plurality of analyte detecting members each associated with one of the plurality of penetrating members on said cartridge, wherein a first portion of the analyte detecting members measure a first analyte and a second portion of the analyte detecting members measure a second analyte;

a penetrating member driver for moving an active one of said penetrating members from a first position outward to penetrate tissue;

an upstream fixed volume chamber which empties instantaneously when full so that all tests start simultaneously.

17. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising vents, seals, and/or fill detectors.

18. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising a cartridge vent system that opens by piercing mechanism to allow on board calibration fluids to start flowing into relevant fluidic structures.

19. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the device optically interrogates from bottom as in F1 optical disclosure.

20. (currently amended) ~~The device of claim 1 further comprising~~ A body fluid sampling device comprising:

a cartridge containing a plurality of penetrating members;

a plurality of analyte detecting members each associated with one of the plurality of penetrating members on said cartridge, wherein a first portion of the analyte detecting members measure a first analyte and a second portion of the analyte detecting members measure a second analyte;

a penetrating member driver for moving an active one of said penetrating members from a first position outward to penetrate tissue;

an array detection having a storage area having a sensing area;

another storage area having an enzyme area separate from the sensing area prior to tissue piercing;

wherein said storage areas and sensing area are positioned to cause fluid to first flow to the enzyme area and then to the sensing area.

21. (currently amended) A method of body fluid sampling comprising:

moving a penetrating member ~~at~~ conforming to a selectable velocity profile or motion waveform;

piercing another storage area having an enzyme area separate from the sensing area prior to piercing;

causing fluid to a storage area having a sensing area;

piercing first flow to the enzyme area and then to the sensing area.

22. (currently amended) The ~~device~~ method of claim 21 further comprising storing said enzyme area in an inert environment different from an environment for the sensing area.

23. (currently amended) A device for body fluid sampling usable with a cartridge housing a plurality of penetrating members, the device comprising:

- a housing;

- a penetrating member driver coupled to said housing and for use with said cartridge;

- a processor for controlling said penetrating member driver to move at least one of said penetrating members at velocities which conform with a selectable velocity profile;

- a storage area having a sensing area;

- another storage area having an enzyme area separate from the sensing area prior to piercing;

- wherein said penetrating member pierces opens both storage areas upon member actuation and ~~causing~~ causes body fluid to first flow to the enzyme area and then to the sensing area.